

July, 2012

West Lafayette Beautification Award

Hugh S. Henry, Tree Fund member extraordinaire (1915-2012)

When Helen Lillich began the WL Tree Fund in the early 1980's, her hard-working side kick was Hugh S. Henry. Hugh helped Helen begin many of the established plantings we see around the City today, and was instrumental in establishing Helen's tree farm with over 700 saplings, near the site of today's Farmers Market. He attended most monthly meetings over the 30 years, adding wise advice and humor to the agenda. His favorite project was the median on Cumberland Avenue, between Salisbury and Yeager Streets. The many trees and shrubs needed regular pruning and thrived with his care. Current construction projects removed the Cumberland median plantings but his work lives on in other areas of the City.

Hugh retired from the Tree Fund in December, 2010 and was honored at that month's meeting by Mayor Dennis who presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. We are all very grateful for his extended service to our community and offer our sympathy to Hugh's family upon their loss. West Lafayette is a more beautiful community because of volunteers like Hugh Henry.

